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Executive Secretary
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**Re: Black Hills Energy
Responses to Board and Customer Questions & Request for Confidential
Treatment
In re: Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy
Docket No. SPU-2015-0039 (TF-2015-0352)**

Dear Executive Secretary:

Black Hills Energy hereby submits responses to the Board and Customer questions contained in Attachments A and B to the Order Providing Notice of Hearing, Establishing Procedural Schedule, and Requiring Additional Information dated October 18, 2016 in the above-referenced docket.

Since the two spreadsheets (entitled "BHE farm tap customer" and "BHE 2013 farm tap survey") referenced in the responses contain confidential information, two versions of those spreadsheets have been submitted: a public version and a confidential version, the latter of which has been filed on a confidential basis. The responses themselves contain no confidential information.

The filing also includes a request for confidential treatment of the confidential versions of the spreadsheets. An affidavit in support of the request will follow later this week because the affiant is currently indisposed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Haley R. Van Loon

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